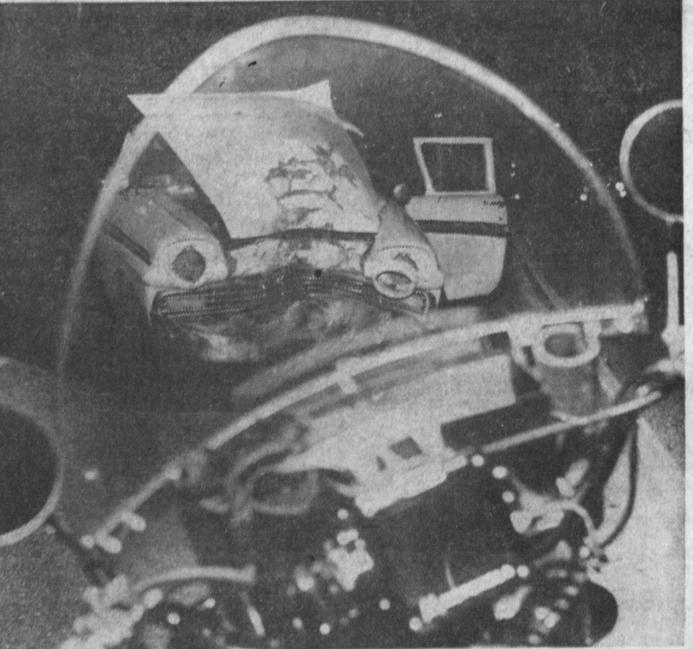


CAR HITS POLE - AND CITY IS POWERLESS



THIS SHATTERED power pole, inspected by county fireman Wayne Monical, bears mute testimony to the weird accident late Wednesday night that cut off power in portions of Torrance and Lomita for periods ranging from 25 minutes to an hour and a quarter. A car driven by Billy B. Parker, 37, of 2064 W. 250th St., Lomita,

traveling east on Lomita Blvd., struck power pole 240 feet from Crenshaw Blvd., breaking pole in three places. Parker was taken to Bay Harbor Hospital, where his injuries were reported as minor. Traffic was blocked for more than an hour on Lomita Blvd. because of hot wires in street.



SEEN THROUGH windshield of officer's motorcycle is the smashed car of Billy Parker after it hit power pole. Area between Sepulveda and Lomita Blvds. and Madrona and Hawthorne lost power for 25 minutes. Half of service to homes and small businesses

was restored by 9 p.m., the rest by 9:48. Power was also out at Torrance police station, and officers were sent to several major intersections, where signals were knocked out, to direct traffic. —PRESS Photos by William Schell Jr.



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TORRANCE LAD WRITES FOR MAG

Gregory Wilson, 8, of 808 Teri Ave., is a contributor to the Sept. issue of Jack and Jill magazine, the 25-year-old children's monthly published by The Curtis Publishing Company. The written item is included as a news note in a special department of Jack and Jill called North, East, West and South, and is an excerpt from a letter to the editors. The letter tells about visiting the Great Salt Lake and Las Vegas on a trip back to Minnesota, where he used to live.

PRESS WILL PUBLISH SCHOOLS EDITION WED.

A special back-to-school edition will be published by The Press next Wednesday as a service to parents, students and interested members of the community.

The edition will contain a guide to all of your back-to-school needs, and will mention area schools, when they open, bus schedules and other pertinent information. Watch for it in Wednesday's PRESS.

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TAXES SOAR ... UP ... UP ... UP

Ouch! That was the reaction today from most Torrance residents as their 1963-64 combined tax rate became known.

It will total \$8.8631 per \$100 assessed valuation. That includes the city tax of \$1.238, which remained level for the third year; school district total tax of \$4.6850, up 8.14 cents; the county general tax of \$2.2148, up 13 cents from last year, and special district taxes, such as water and flood control.

Torrance's combined tax is slightly higher than that of the city of Los Angeles, which is pegged at \$8.7253 in most cases.

If you own a house assessed at \$5,000, your tax bill will be roughly \$443 this year. The county tax rate is a record high, as is the school district tax.

The city's budget is over \$9 million, and the school district, which expects to top 30,000 pupils this year, has a budget of nearly \$15 million.

Torrance's combined tax load is the highest of any of the top ten in the county.

Of the cities in the South Bay and Southwest county areas, only Manhattan Beach has a higher rate, \$9.0252. Inglewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Lawndale, Lynwood, and Redondo Beach are all substantially lower.

Lynwood is \$7.669; Lawndale, \$7.4089; Long Beach, \$8.1372; Downey, \$7.8407; Inglewood, \$7.9462, and Redondo Beach, \$8.6029. Hawthorne is \$8.5866 and Norwalk, \$8.4193.

The county's general budget of \$682,640,213, responsible for most of the boost, will cost each person in the county an average of \$103.93. Three years ago, when the budget was \$484,459,136, the average figure was \$80.21.

So, you'd best start digging, folks. There's only one way to go, the tax man says, and that's up.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Vacation time is drawing rapidly to a close, and Torrance children can hear those school bells ringing louder and louder.

Accordingly, to help the return to the classroom, the Torrance Unified School District has issued the following information:

Parents may register children in the elementary schools beginning Sept. 3 any weekday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration and programing in the high schools will continue Sept. 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Parents are urged to register new students as soon as possible.

Students will return to school Sept. 11.

Total enrollment expected: elementary schools, 23,077. Total enrollment expected: high schools, 7,739.

Total enrollment expected: Special education classes, 165.

Grand total: 30,981.

The certificated staff including teachers and administrators will be 1,184. Of this number 713 will be teaching kindergarten through eighth grade. 351 will be teaching in the high schools. There are 80 administrators and 40 other certificated special education teachers. 202 of these teachers will be new to the district this year. Of this number

47 teachers had to be employed because of pupil growth. There will be approximately 1800 more students in the Torrance schools this year.

New or remodeled facilities that will be available this fall are as follows: Torrance High annex; Torrance High Boys' and Girls' physical education facilities; South High auto shop; two portable units at Wood; one portable unit at Calle Mayor; one portable unit from Edison to Carr; one portable unit from Lincoln to Arlington; Torrance High bleachers.

Bus schedules and other information will be published Wednesday in The Press.

County to Get Five Beach Lots

On motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the Board of Supervisors today voted to acquire five additional beach lots in Torrance to be used for public parking.

The property, Chace said, will be acquired at a cost of \$199,870 from Northern Properties Co. and the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, a trust.

The purchase will add five lots to eight contiguous properties now used for public parking, Chace said.

Parents Fly to Hurt Boy



PHILLIP LEEDY

... Hurt in Mountains

Two Torrance boys were hurt in an accident yesterday afternoon in the mountains near Ridgecrest, one seriously.

The boys were John Launer, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Launer, 16626 Ogram, and Phillip Leedy, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leedy, 3206 W. 168th St.

Mr. and Mrs. Launer were camping with the two boys at Ridgecrest, but the youths apparently were separated from them, according to reports from sheriff's officers, who phoned Torrance police.

Details of the accident were not available, but The Press learned that the Leedys flew to Ridgecrest last night, and were coming back today to pick up their younger son, Larry, 15.

Larry told The Press that his brother, a Gardena High student, had been hit in the head, and that he was operated on to clear his nasal passages when he had trouble breathing. Phillip's outlook was much better today, Larry said. His parents told him by phone his brother had been listed as critical.

The Launer boy, a North High student, had a dislocated hip, Larry said.

SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT SET HERE

The six teams winning their respective Slo-Pitch Softball League titles will play a single elimination tournament, to determine the Torrance city championship, in a series of games to be played on the Torrance Park diamond, Thursday, Sept. 5, and Friday, Sept. 6.

Champions of the respective leagues and their managers: Monday League, Torrance Elks Club, Ozzie Grimes, Tuesday League, Mobil No. 1, George Home, Wednesday League, Fire Fighters, St. Whitman-Tony Salce, Thursday League, St. Lawrence, Phil Jelonek-Jack Keenan, Friday League, Rick's Bar, Ernie Thompson, Steve Alvarez, El Nido League, Manuel Alvarez, Park Department.

In the first round, the park department plays Mobil No. 1, St. Lawrence meets the Fire Fighters, and Elks Club plays Rick's Bar. The three winners flip a coin to see who gets the bye into the finals. The other two winners meet Friday at 7 p.m. and the final game will be at 8:30 p.m.

The three first round games are at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Not Easy to Be Patriot

By Adlai E. Stevenson From Harper's Magazine

It is not easy to be a patriot these days — not because it is difficult to love one's country. The difficulty lies with loving one's country the right way.

The love itself is profound and instinctive, rooted in our childhood discovery of all the infinite delights of being alive — for me, the vast skies, the spring green of the corn, the fall colors and winter snow of the Illinois prairie; for all of us, the shining Christmas trees, the colored mesas and the bright flowers of the desert, the rocky shores and pounding seas "way down East," the aspens showering autumn gold on the slopes of the Rockies.

It doesn't matter what your picture is. For all of us, it is "home," the place where we spent the endless, dream-filled days of childhood, the place that still nourishes our secret, life-giving imagination, the place we love as we love bread, as we love the earliest image of maternal care, as we love life itself. In doing so, we love what has largely made us what we are. The difficulty is, as I have said, to love it in the right way.

I think the complexity of modern technological society makes the loving difficult for everybody, but here in America we have some quite special problems that come not from our complex present but from our historical inheritance.

Some states emerge from some pre-existing tribal unity, some grow up within an already established culture, and some are forged by conquest, with victor and vanquished settling down to a new synthesis. None of these routes was followed by America. Our people have come from every "tribal" group; they have largely had to create their own civilization as they went along to absorb a continent. They have never been conquered or had

any sort of synthesis imposed upon them. Their community had, in fact, a unique beginning—it was from the moment of its birth a land "dedicated to a proposition"—that men are born equal, that government is a government of laws, not men, and exists to serve them, that "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" are man's inalienable rights.

But consider the consequences of this astonishing start. We are Americans because we belong to a certain ideal, visionary type of political and social order. We can't point back to a long, shared civilization. It is true, most of us have Europe and the West behind us. But not all—and, anyway, it is a concept of the West that we create

graphical fact. It is a political and moral fact — the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government and human equality. And we love it for this audacity!

But it also demands a more complex and discriminating love. Will the fabric hold if the ideal fades? If the effort to realize our citizens' birthright of freedom and equality is not constantly renewed, on what can we all back? As a going concern we can no doubt survive many shocks and shames. It was Adam Smith who remarked that "There is a great deal of ruin in every state." But can we survive, as a confident and growing community, if the essentially liberal thrust of our origins is forgotten, if we equate liberty with passive noninterference, if we exclude large minorities from our standards of equality, if income becomes a substitute for idealism, consumption for dedication, or privilege for neighborly good will?

Well, you may say, "Why be so concerned; after all, one of the most forceful elements of our free society is precisely our discontent with our own shortcomings. Because we are free, because we are not the victims of censorship and manipulated news, because no dictatorial government imposes on us its version of the truth, we are at liberty to speak up against our shortcomings. We don't confuse silence with success. We know that 'between the

This article by the U.S. representative to the United Nations is based on a recent address by Ambassador Stevenson on acceptance of the Patriotism Award of the senior class of the University of Notre Dame. The Press reprints it as the opinion of a distinguished American statesman in the public interest, without comment.

rather than inherit. And no one is standing on our necks keeping us down and together.

The result is a community, surely, whose instinctive rooted, taken-for-granted unity has to be all the more dynamic.

I would agree that there are substitutes. When a President said that "the business of America is business," he told us something about the degree to which a standard of living can stand in duty for a way of life. But the question, "What manner of people are we?" cannot everlastingly be answered in terms of two car families or split-level homes.

America is much more than an economic or geo-

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